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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: William C. Joyce
PIERRE GLAESNER, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3682
Application No.: 09/835,439	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 7938
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For: FLEXIBLE SHOE ASSEMBLY	)	June 3, 2004

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

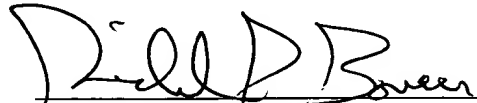
Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed May 4, 2004,  
Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Figure 7, upon which Claims 1 and 7-11 read,  
with traverse.

Traversal is on the grounds that a search of the art for one group of claims  
will necessarily include a search of the art for the other group of claims. It is believed  
that the burden on the Examiner to examine all claims in a single application is less than  
the burden on the Applicants/public to prosecute/search more than one application/patent.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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